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IN VIEW REFTTEL (C), DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY

DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO DFA. TEXT OMITTS COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING. QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DISPLEASURE AT THE FORCIBLE EXPULSION OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, MRS. CATHLEEN WOOD, FROM THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO REITERATE THE POINTS IT MADE IN AN AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 21 JUNE; NAMELY, THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW REQUIRES A STATE PROPOSING TO EXPEL AN ALIEN LAWFULLY PRESENT IN TERRITORY UNDER THE STATE'S CONTROL, TO ACCORD THE ALIEN CERTAIN PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES INCLUDING RIGHTS OF NOTIFICATION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM ON THE BASIS OF WHICH HE IS TO BE EXPELLED, AND OF A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON AND TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST THOSE CHARGES; AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THE APPLICATION OF THE UNDESIRABLES REMOVAL PROCLAMATION

(1920), AS AMENDED, IN THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA TO BE ILLEGAL UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FURTHER STATES ITS BELIEF ON EVIDENCE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO IT THAT THERE WERE NO LEGITIMATE GROUNDS ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA COULD HAVE EXPELLED MRS. WOOD FROM THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA AS HER ACTIVITIES THERE GAVE NO CAUSE FOR REMOVAL.

QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MRS. WOOD WAS FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS AWAITING A REPLY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO ITS AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED ON 21 JUNE, REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BE INFORMED OF THE REASONS FOR ISSUANCE OF THE ORDERS OF EXPULSION, AND THAT THE ORDERS OF EXPULSION AGAINST MRS. WOOD AND HER HUSBAND BE RESCINDED OR STAYED PENDING THEIR BEING GRANTED THEIR RIGHTS OF NOTICE AND HEARING. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN ASSURED BY OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA THAT IT WOULD RECEIVE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLY TO ITS AIDE-MEMOIRE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FINDS IT UNFORTUNATE THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPLY TO ITS REQUESTS, AND WAS NOT INFORMED OF THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN, BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA FORCIBLY EXPELLED MRS. WOOD FROM THE TERRITORY ON 25 JUNE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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